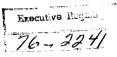
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12 May 1976

The Honorable George H. Bush Director, Central Intelligence Agency Langley, VA 20505

Dear Mr. Bush,

The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is sponsoring a DOD-level politico-military simulation, OMEGA I-76, that will be conducted 8-11 June 1976 in the Pentagon. The simulation will examine a crisis in the Northeast Asia region and is designed to assess the political and military utility of Limited and Regional Nuclear Options. OMEGA I-76 will be the forerunner to a senior-level exercise (OMEGA II-76) that is scheduled for late July 1976.

We have derived new policy and planning insights from previous politico-military simulations. A continuing assessment of the political and military utility of both Limited and Regional Nuclear Options is important to our national nuclear strategy and planning.

As you are aware, the key factors in ensuring the success of such a simulation are the perceptions, knowledge and ingenuity of the participants. With this in mind, I would greatly appreciate your making

available to participate in OMEGA 1-76, schedules permitting of course. A memorandum of administrative information will be forwarded to the participants separately. The attached schedule of meetings for the OMEGA participants is provided for your information.

Sincerely

D. TRAIN, II V**i**ce Admiral, USN

Director, Joint Staff

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